(c) and (d) The recruitment and promotion rules for the non-executives prescribe the method of recruitment, probation and seniority, eligibility for promotion, formation of Departmental Promotion Committees and fixation of pay on promotion etc.

For the executives the procedure for recruitment, qualifications for entry level posts and eligibility for promotion, formation of Departmental Promotion Committees etc. have been prescribed.

ACCEPTANCE OF ORDERS AT A LOSS BY ET&T CORPORATION LTD.

3138. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ET&T Coporation Ltd. received an order from Department of Telecommunications, New Delhi for the supply of Fibre Optic Testing Instruments (Anritsu-Japan-Make) at a total price of Rs. 9.66 crores and the Corporation has executed this order with specific knowledge of loss of Rs. 1 crore (approximately);

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Manager who has executed this order has been rewarded by posting him at Los Angeles office by undue favour ; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for accepting an order at a loss by sick PSU-ET&T Corporation Ltd. and the criteria for selection of employees for foreign posting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) ET&T Corporation Limited has received an order from the Department of Telecommunications for supply of Optic Testing Instruments (Anritsu-Japan Make). The value of the order was Rs. 9.86 crores. The estimated cost at the time of acceptance of theorder i.e. 8-4-92 was Rs. 9.71 crores. The offer was quoted with a stipulation of 50 per cent advance with he order which was not acceded to. Non receipt of advance and consequent interest loss and adverse exchange rate variation resulted in a total loss of Rs. 46.96 lakhs in the order.

(b) and (c) The posting of the Manager had no bearing to the execution of said order. The order was accepted bearing in view of the future business from the Department of Telecommunications.

PURCHASE OF B&W TV PICTURE TUBES BY M/S. TELEVISTA ELECTRONICS LIMITED

3137. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the present CMD of ET&T Corporation Limited was MD of this Corporation from 1984 o 1988 and from 1988 to 1990 he was consultant to M|s Televista Electronics Ltd., New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after joining ET&T as CMD in 1991, the Corporation sold one thousand B&W TV Picture Tubes on credit to favour M|s. Televista Electronics and the amount has not been recovered till date ;

(c) if so reasons for buying these picture tubes in cash and selling the same on credit without ensuring recovery of sale proceeds; and

(d) the reasons for not taking action against M|s. Televista for non-payment and also against their dishonoured cheques?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ET&T sold 1500 B&W picture tubes valued at Rs. 6.29 lakhs in May 1991 to M|s Televista Electronics Limited. Out of this, payment of Rs. 2.07 lakhs was received in June, 1991. For the balance amount of Rs. 4.22 lakhs the cheques given by the party were dishonoured on 23rd and 27th August, 1991.

(c) and (d) The policy followed by the Corporation with regard to the sale of picture tubes is to obtain credit facility from the supplier and extend this facility to the buyer. In the present case also, the same facility had been extended to M|s Televista Electronics Limited. Since M|s Televista Electronics Limited has defaulted, a winding up petition was filed in August, 1993.

ITEMS GIVEN BY ET&T CORPORATION LTD. FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES

3138. A NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ET&T Corporation Ltd. has given a lot of high value electronics items for the purpose of demonstration on a returnable bas's over the past ten years, but no such material has been brought back by the Corporation.

(b) if so, the details of such material with amount involved, names of persons| organisations etc; and

(c) the reasons for not recovering the material amount so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

ET&T CORPORATION LTD. DECLARED SICK

3139. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ET&T Corporation Ltd. had been declared sick by BIFR during the year 1991-92;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Corporation has not so far introduced the voluntary retirement scheme as per Government guidelines ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. ET&T Corporation Limited has not introduced the Voluntary Retirement Scheme so far since the scheme announced by the Government is optional.